THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the recent past. However, during the current drought year from August, 2003 to July, 2004 a quantity of 7.82 lakh tonnes of rice has been allocated to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojna (Special Component) for drought affected areas.

Diverting the forest land for construction of transmission line

1080. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to divert 27.72 Hec. of forest land for construction of 220 KV DC transmission line from Hubli to Narendra in Dharwad District of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the present status of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Central Government has already granted final approval to the proposal for diversion of 27.72 hectare of forest land for construction of 220 KV DC transmission line from Hubli to Narendra in Dharwad District of Karnataka, on 14th June 2004 under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Management of game sanctuaries under State Governments

1081. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government will initiate steps to take a more direct and effective interest in the managerment of game sanctuaries under the control of State Government;